



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship
Sunday, October 10, 2021

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*Please stand if you are able. Congregation, please speak the words in **bold**.

PRELUDE

Tara Zimmerman

WELCOME (Ringing of the Bell)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

[Romans 15:6-7; Ephesians 4:3-6]

Pastor: Arise! Shine! Christ's Church has assembled. Christ, the One Who was, and is, and is to come, welcomes you to this place.

People: There is only one body with Christ as our Head and one Spirit.

Pastor: You were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

People: One God and Father of us all, Who is over all, and in all, and through all.

Pastor: Honor and glorify the Giver of wisdom, counsel, knowledge, and joy.

All: As one body, with one voice, we proclaim Your goodness, Lord Jesus.

*HYMN

I Come With Joy

**¹ I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free.
The life of Jesus to recall – in love laid down for me.**

**² I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread.**

**³ As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends:
The Love that made us makes us one – and strangers now are friends.**

**⁴ The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen but ever near,
Is in such friendship better known, alive among us here.**

**⁵ Together met, together bound, by all that God has done,
We'll go with joy to give the world the Love that makes us one.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Meet your Family

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Caring God, You call us to be the body of Christ, Your family, Your Church, to live in community, to care for one another, to use our different gifts. We come now confessing the times when we have ignored Your call.

Responsive Confession

[Today's texts]

Pastor: We don't pour out all of ourselves, body included, to You.

People: We tend to conform to the patterns of the world, not heeding Your promptings.

Pastor: We haven't allowed You to transform us by the renewing our minds.

People: Instead of testing and approving Your good, pleasing and perfect will, we think we can do it alone.

Pastor: We think of ourselves more highly than we ought.

People: We don't learn to know ourselves through Your loving eyes.

Pastor: We can act as if we don't have a bond to each and every person in the Church.

People: We don't gather with our sisters and brothers in Christ and so miss Your presence.

All: We trust in our own abilities, rather using the gifts You have given to us, to build your Body.

Assurance of Pardon

[1 Peter 2:24]

Christ carried our sins in His body on the cross so that, freed from our sins, we could live a life that has God's approval. His wounds have healed you.

SONG

The Bond of Love

Each side of the room, please turn and face the center while singing.

**¹ We are one in the bond of love. We are one in the bond of love.
We have joined our spirit with the Spirit of God. We are one in the bond of love.**

**² Let us sing now ev'ryone. Let us feel His love begun.
Let us join our hands so the world will know we are one in the bond of love.**

SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:1-8; Mark 3:31-35; Mathew 18:20

SERMON: Lessons for a Healthy Church #1 ~ the Body of Christ

The church is Christ's body and completes Him as He fills everything in every way [Ephesians 1:23].

GOD'S WORD ON GIVING

[1 Corinthians 12:7]

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

PRAYERS of the people and pastoral prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father Who is in heaven, hallowed be Your Name.
Your kingdom come; Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

*HYMN

The Servant Song

**¹ Will you let me be your servant: let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**² We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travelers on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.**

**³ I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you – speak the peace you long to hear.**

**⁴ I will weep when you are weeping. When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.**

**⁵ When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony.
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.**

**⁶ Will you let me be your servant: let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

BENEDICTION

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and the POSTLUDE

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!
For there the Lord bestows His blessing – even life forevermore.

Psalm 133:1, 3b

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